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#### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2005(Paper No.: 20050930), please find the Response to Office Action, in 9 pages.

I believe that no fee is incurred. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees required in connection with the filing of this paper to account No. 50-2620 (Order No.: 12680-US-PA).

Thank you for your assistance in the subject matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on October 4, 2005, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.